

**Senate File 2341 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a school mental health staff supplement,  
2 making appropriations, and including effective date  
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 257.16E School mental health staff  
2 supplement — fund — appropriation.

1. A school mental health staff supplement fund is created as a separate and distinct fund in the state treasury under the control of the department of management. Moneys in the fund include revenues credited to the fund, appropriations made to the fund, and other moneys deposited into the fund.

2. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the school mental health staff supplement fund an amount equal to the product of the statewide weighted enrollment for the budget year as determined under section 257.6 that corresponds to the fiscal year of the appropriation multiplied by one percent of the regular program state cost per pupil for the base year.

15       3. The moneys available in a fiscal year in the school  
16 mental health staff supplement fund shall be distributed by  
17 the department of management to each school district on a per  
18 pupil basis calculated using each school district's weighted  
19 enrollment, as defined in section 257.6, for that fiscal year.

20 4. The school mental health staff supplement shall be  
21 miscellaneous income, shall be deposited in the general fund  
22 of the school district, and shall not be included in district  
23 cost.

24        5. Amounts received under this section shall be used only  
25 for costs to employ student mental health and behavioral staff  
26 and professionals including school counselors, school nurses,  
27 and school social workers. Funding provided under this section  
28 is intended to supplement, not supplant, existing school  
29 district funding for student mental health and behavioral  
30 professionals and services.

31       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
32 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

33 EXPLANATION

34           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
35           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1     This bill establishes a school mental health staff funding  
2 supplement and creates a school mental health staff supplement  
3 fund under the control of the department of management. For  
4 each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, there is  
5 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the school  
6 mental health staff supplement fund an amount equal to the  
7 product of the statewide weighted enrollment for the budget  
8 year that corresponds to the fiscal year of the appropriation  
9 multiplied by 1 percent of the regular program state cost per  
10 pupil for the base year. The moneys available in a fiscal  
11 year in the school mental health staff supplement fund shall  
12 be distributed by the department of management to each school  
13 district on a per pupil basis calculated using each school  
14 district's weighted enrollment for that fiscal year. Amounts  
15 received under the bill shall be used only for costs to employ  
16 student mental health and behavioral staff and professionals  
17 including school counselors, school nurses, and school social  
18 workers. Funding provided under the bill is intended to  
19 supplement, not supplant, existing school district funding  
20 for student mental health and behavioral professionals and  
21 services.

22     The bill takes effect upon enactment.